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Expressing the sense of Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of potentially visually impaired individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of potentially visually impaired individuals.

Whereas many people in the United States who are blind or otherwise visually impaired have the ability to travel throughout their communities without assistance;

Whereas visually impaired individuals encounter hazards that a pedestrian with average vision could easily avoid, many of which involve crossing streets and roadways;

Whereas the white cane is recognized as a nontechnical aid to mobility for visually impaired individuals;

Whereas many States do not require candidates for driver's licenses to recognize the white cane or associate the use of a white cane with potentially visually impaired individuals; and

Whereas visually impaired individuals have reported incidents of having their white canes run over by vehicles, having been struck by the side-view mirror of vehicles, and worse encounters: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2   *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that each
3   State should require any candidate for a driver's license
4   in such State to demonstrate, as a condition of obtaining
5   a driver's license, an ability to recognize a white cane, as-
6   sociate the use of a white cane with a visually impaired
7   individual, and exercise greatly increased caution when
8   driving in proximity to a potentially visually impaired indi-
9   vidual.

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